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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate James O'Shea, who  
4 is retiring after 34 years of teaching at Oakton Community  
5 College and serving as the Chairman of the Law Enforcement  
6 Department; and

7           WHEREAS, From August of 1977 to the present he has served  
8 as the Chairman of the Law Enforcement Department at Oakton  
9 Community College in Des Plaines; from January of 1971 to  
10 September of 1977 he was a Special Agent in the Investigations  
11 Division of the Illinois Department of Revenue; and

12           WHEREAS, He graduated from Mount Carmel High School in  
13 1958; he graduated from Northern Illinois University in 1964  
14 with a Bachelor of Science in Education; he received his  
15 Masters of Arts degree in political science from Roosevelt  
16 University in 1976; and he attended the Criminal Justice  
17 Graduate Program at Chicago State University; and

18           WHEREAS, He served in the Illinois National Guard and U.S.  
19 Army Reserve from 1958 to 1966; and

20           WHEREAS, He received a Recognition Award from the Des  
21 Plaines Police Department in 1986 for his professional

1 expertise, his outstanding cooperation, and his assistance in  
2 providing community police training to the law enforcement  
3 community; he was named a Finalist for the Ray Hartstein Award  
4 for Academic Excellence in 1987 and in 1997; and he was the  
5 recipient of the OCC Outstanding Teaching Effectiveness Award  
6 in 1983 and 1984; and

7 WHEREAS, He was a volunteer in the Expert Professor Series  
8 1998-99 and 1999-2000; he originated and presented over the  
9 years, "Street Smarts" Crime Prevention Programs for Oakton  
10 students, numerous colleges, universities, and church groups;  
11 he is a member of the Illinois Police Association and a member  
12 of the North Suburban Association of Chiefs of Police; and

13 WHEREAS, He is married to Liz O'Shea and has 2 sons, James  
14 and Matthew; he will retire on May 31, 2012; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
16 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
17 we congratulate James O'Shea on his retirement and wish him all  
18 the best in his future endeavors; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
20 presented to James O'Shea as a symbol of our respect and  
21 esteem.